

House Resolution No. 2741

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Sister City partnerships that admirably deepen and broaden the cultural, economic, and educational foundations of this great state; and

Whereas, thirty years ago in 1978 the cities of Nanjing, China, and Saint Louis, Missouri, entered into a Sister City agreement under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Stanley Spector of Washington University and the approval of Saint Louis Mayor Jim Conway; and

Whereas, now on the eve of its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration in October 2009, the Nanjing/Saint Louis Sister City program is guided by a committee whose leadership includes Dr. Joel Glassman as President and Dr. Ching-ling Tai as Vice President; and

Whereas, the capitol of China for six dynasties, Nanjing is an ancient city that is now led by Mayor Jiang Hongkun and is located on the bank of the Yangtze River in Jiangsu Province; and

Whereas, Nanjing has an urban population of more than five million people and is the second-largest commercial center in the eastern China region; and

Whereas, throughout its history, Nanjing has been distinguished as a national hub for education, research, transportation, and tourism; and

Whereas, Nanjing has been a highly active partner in the Nanjing/Saint Louis Sister City program through its donation of the Nanjing Friendship Garden to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in Saint Louis, the frequent exchange programs entered into by Nanjing University and the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, and the annual exchange programs engaged in by the Nanjing Foreign Language School and Saint Louis University High School, which established a sister-school program in 1994; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its constitutionally mandated duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding programs as the Nanjing/Saint Louis Sister City agreement:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Sister City program entered into by Nanjing, China, and Saint Louis, Missouri, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Thirtieth Anniversary celebration in October 2009; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the historic designation of Nanjing, China, and Saint Louis, Missouri, as Sister Cities.

Offered by _____

Representative James W. Lembke
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Representative Ronald F. Richard
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No.2741, adopted May 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker